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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, CZ

SUBJECT: TEXTILES -- BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 072177

1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMED EMBASSY BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED MAY 14, THAT CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED WITH CURRENT BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON APRIL 30, 1977, AND REQUESTS "MORE CONCRETE INFORMATION ON WHAT IMPROVEMENTS THE AMERICAN SIDE INTENDS TO PROPOSE IN A NEW AGREEMENT..."

2. FULL TEXT OF PARAGRAPH TWO OF MFA NOTE RELATING TO NEGOTIATIONS PROPOSED REFTEL FOLLOWS: "FOR THE PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS ON A REVIEW OF THIS AGREEMENT AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES OF DECEMBER 20, 1973, THE CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES WOULD, THEREFORE, WELCOME A MORE CONCRETE INFORMATION ON WHAT IMPROVEMENTS THE AMERICAN SIDE INTENDS TO PROPOSE IN A NEW AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO BRING IT, AS IT IS MENTIONED IN THE NOTE, INTO CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPH 2/11/, AND ARTICLE 4 OF THE ARRANGEMENT."

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3. COMMENT: EMBASSY MADE IT CLEAR TO MFA THAT OVERALL EFFECT OF PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE TO LIBERALIZE RATHER THAN TIGHTEN TERMS OF PRESENT BILATERAL AGREEMENT. APPARENTLY, CZECHS ARE CONCERNED LEST NEW NEGOTIATIONS POSE THREAT TO THEIR CURRENT IMPORT QUOTA AND WISH TO HAVE THIS POINT CLARIFIED BEFORE ASSENTING TO TALKS. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE SPECIFIC ASSURANCE ON THIS AND SPECIFY OTHER CONCRETE ISSUES WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED AND/OR AFFECTED BY NEW NEGOTIATIONS SO THAT EMBASSY CAN RESPOND TO MFA NOTE.  
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